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MEMORANDUM FOR: Project Director

SUBJECT: Evaluation of Eastman Processing Versus
[REDACTED] Processing of AQUATONE Product

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1. In connection with the review of the problem of where AQUATONE photographic processing should be accomplished in the future, you had queried regarding the final evaluation.

2. I have re-examined the HTAUTOMAT study as well as discussed this with the participants in the group exploring the major problem. The conclusion which we reach, subject to the results of the split processing of a B mission which has not yet been completed, is as follows:

a. Eastman products in general exceed the archival quality of materials processed in the field although the field shortcomings are correctable by relatively minor changes in procedure.

b. There is no categorical distinction between field processing with regard to quality as relates to photo interpretation. Distinctions can be found on occasion as between selected pieces from each.

3. The foregoing is not to say that at a number of different points in the processing of duplicate materials for example improvements in quality for PI purposes are not attainable either by new and available machinery or more refined and careful procedures which would be more time consuming.

4. But for the purposes of our study, we cannot say at this time that Eastman quality is insufficient for intelligence purposes.

JQR:cw

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